

To the Members of the California State Senate:

Exposure to hazardous substances, like gasoline, is a threat to children who gain access to the containers in which the substances are kept. Data from the Consumer Product Safety Commission shows that children sometimes spill gasoline, which can ignite and cause burns. Toxic effects of hydrocarbons (gasoline and similar substances) via ingestion, inhalation and dermal exposure have also been documented. SB 1532 (Bowen) and AB 2022 (Ruskin) both seek to protect children from dangerous exposure to gasoline. While well intended, SB 1532 is too vague and lacks the specific authority for Department of Health Services to establish clear standards needed for the bill to be effective. AB 2022 more effectively and directly protects child safety by requiring the State Fire Marshal to approve the types of child-resistant gasoline containers that can be sold in California.

For these reasons, I am returning Senate Bill 1532 without my signature and signed AB 2022 into law.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger